

Trinity Lutheran Church



*"In one body we have many members and not
all the members have the same function."*

August 23, 2026
Common Time 12

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Romans 12:1 and 5.

You, who are many,
are transformed to become one in Christ.

**We, who are many,
are called to worship God, the Three in One.**

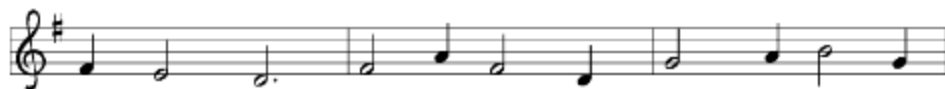
Let us worship God.

HYMN:

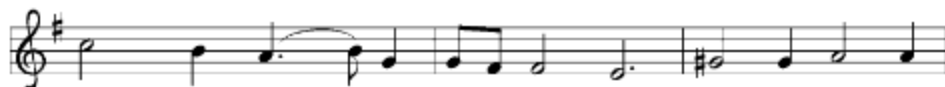
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645)



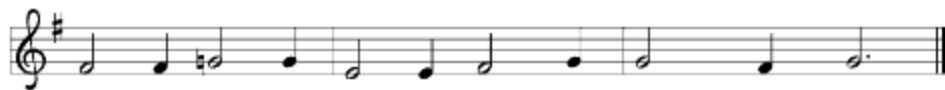
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Based on Romans 12:2, 4–6a and Psalm 138:2b, 3, 7b, 8.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose mercy reaches beyond every boundary, whose grace welcomes all who seek Christ, and whose love renews us from the inside out.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters,
with hope in this God,
let us confess our sin and seek forgiveness.

We pray together.

**Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.**

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

**Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.
When we call out to God, God answers.

**God saves us
with a strong and outstretched hand.**

In ✚ Jesus Christ, you are forgiven
and helped to live in grace.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
 Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda Φ

For the reign of God, and for
 For your peo - ple here who have
 Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
 come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Φ *Coda*

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
 praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
 freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Based on Romans 12:2.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Ever-present God,

who is at the side of every creature in creation,
 renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will,
 what is good and acceptable and perfect.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

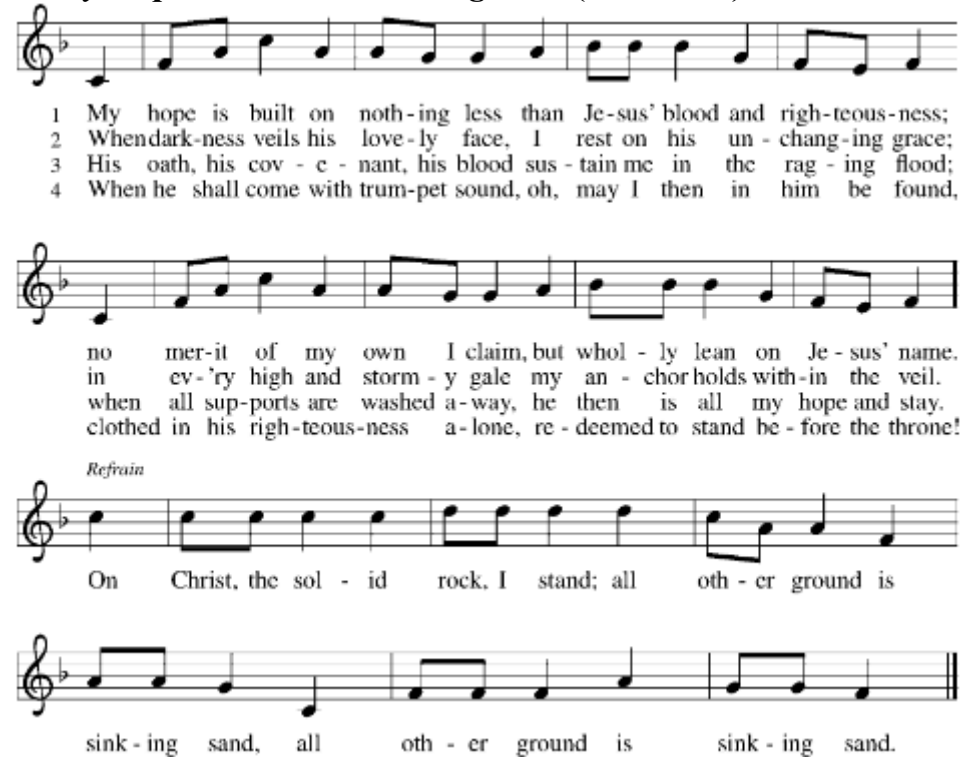
¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 596)



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil,
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay,
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is
sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Based on Psalm 138:2, 6–7, Isaiah 51:3–6, and Romans 12:6.

Steadfast God, your love and faithfulness are with us always.

We give thanks that with you there is no end to our hope.

By your power, all exiles will come to an end;

all things will be restored.

Therefore we pray with confidence to you who are above all things,

knowing that you take notice of those who are bent low;

that your strong arm takes hold of those who are in the midst of trouble.

To anyone in despair, send your deliverance swiftly.

For those longing for home, return them, we pray,

to a place of safety and love.

For anyone estranged from another,

we pray that reconciliation may be accomplished

or that an ending may become the pathway to a new beginning.

Loving God,

you promise comfort to the one in sorrow

and help to the one in trouble.

Lift us all up so we can see your salvation.

Help us and help the nations

to learn your justice and to practice it.

Silence the deafening drumbeat of war

so we may learn a song of thanksgiving.

Before the world wears out like a garment,

before we turn your Eden into a waste place,

correct our habits.

Make us better caretakers, with you, of the garden of the Lord.

We thank you for the gift of the church

and for the varied gifts and perspectives you place among us.

Help us to welcome the diversity of your design

in ways that enlarge our witness in the world.

We thank you especially for Jesus Christ,

who has called us to be his body in the world,

and we pray all things in his name.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: *They'll Know We Are Christians* (NTF)

Trinity welcomes musician Momoh Freeman!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Based on Romans 12:3c, and 6–8.

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Sunday School



9am,

Downstairs Youth Rm

Youth joins parents
for Communion!

- August 30

- September 13 and 27

- October 11 and 25

- November 8 and 22

- December 6 and 13

Miss Jennie is looking for an additional Sunday School teacher for Grades K - 3. Email her at **missjennae@yahoo.com**.

Confirmation and High School students, this looks great on a vocational or college education application!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.

White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (ELW 623)

We Are an Offering (ELW 692)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Based on Matthew 16:15, Romans 12:1, 5–6, and Isaiah 51:3.

Jesus asks each of us:

Who do you say that I am?

Let us answer his question, this day and all our days,
in every word we speak, and with every action we perform.

And may God who restores,

✚ Christ who calls,

and the Spirit who empowers

bless you

and increase your joy and gladness,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same;
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Aug 23:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Aug 24:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
Wed, Aug 26:	11:30am	Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Sun, Aug 30:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ the Band Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Aug 31:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Rm
Tue, Sep 1:	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Sep 2:	10:00am 11:30am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Sep 3:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Ministry
Sun, Sep 6:	9:00am 10:15am	Creation in Christ Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Mon, Sep 7:	9:00am	NO <i>Becoming</i>
Tue, Sep 8:	6:15pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Sep 9:	10:00am 11:30am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm Cabinet/Closet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Sep 10:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Ministry
Sun, Sep 13:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm "Things Hidden" Book Study

Create Abundance August 30th!



Cabinet
Food

THREADS
Closet

LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST FEATURE

PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!

Donations Always Welcome



Our Trinity Threads Clothing Closet is helping so many, but more than 90% of what we have to offer is women's clothing. With your help we would like to be able to offer clothes to all our patrons!

Create Abundance September 6th!

Laramie Ministerial will be visiting Cathedral Home September 9th. All are invited to "shower" the kids! Bring donations on Creation in Christ Sunday, September 6th.

Wishlist

- WalMart gift cards, small amounts (Residential client awards)
- LED lights and bedroom decor (posters, tapestries)
- MP3 players (bluetooth capability, no internet access)
- NEW weighted blankets
- NEW stuffies/warmies
- NEW twin-sized bedding
- NEW twin-sized mattress covers (waterproof all-around zippered)
- NEW pillows
- board games & decks of cards
- art supplies (canvases, paint, clay, pipecleaners, glue, pompoms)
- NEW socks & underwear (all child/youth sizes, boys & girls)
- diapers (all sizes)
- grocery gift cards (Safeway or Ridelys, Resource Center client food)
- gas gift cards (Resource Center client appt needs & Residential vans)



Creation in Christ, September 6



Grounded in the ancient liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church, "Creation in Christ" (or "Feast of Creation") celebrates God as Creator and ponders the great mystery that everything was created through Christ.

This is an exciting time, as the last time there was an addition to the liturgical calendar was Christ the King (Reign of Christ) in the 1920s...to be in communion with the Eastern church in celebration of Creation in Christ, holds great promise.



Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality by Richard Rohr

What if Scripture is meant to do more than simply inform us? What if it is meant to transform us?

Join us as we explore Richard Rohr's *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*, a book that invites us to encounter the Bible as a living witness to God's love, grace, and ongoing work in the world. Rohr encourages us to move beyond reading Scripture merely for answers and instead discover how it shapes our hearts, challenges our assumptions, and draws us more deeply into the life of Christ.

Together, we'll read a chapter, share our questions, listen to one another's insights, and discover how Scripture continues to speak into our lives today. For those that did *The Bible Says So*, know that this book looks at scripture through a completely different lens.

Whether you've read Richard Rohr before or this is your first introduction to his work, please know that Rohr is accessible, faithful, and will deepen your relationship with God. As your pastor, Rohr is one of my favorite theologians. As always, our goal isn't simply to finish a book but to grow in faith, deepen our understanding of Scripture, and learn from one another along the way.

**We will meet Sunday
mornings, 10:30-11:30am.**

September 13th

Introduction and Chapter 1

"Information Is Not Necessarily Transformation."

October 11th

Chapter 2: "Getting the 'Who' Right"

November 1st

Chapter 3: "People Who Have Faces"

November 22nd

Chapter 4: "The Boxing Ring"

December 13th

Chapter 5: "Good Power and Bad Power"

January 10th

Chapter 6: "Knowing and Not Knowing"

February 7th

Chapter 7: "Evil's Lie"

March 7th

Chapter 8: "The Resented Banquet"

April 18th

Chapter 9: "The Mystery of the Cross"

May 16th

Chapter 10: "Mutual Indwelling"

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!



Serving in Worship

TODAY — Aug 23, 2026

Altar: **Conyers Family**
Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**
Reader: **Amy Freeman**
Assistant: **Thom Edgar**
Fellowship: **Phil Lovato**

NEXT SUNDAY — Aug 30, 2026

Altar: **Conyers Family**
Livestream: **OPEN**
Reader: **Martin Greller**
Preacher: **OPEN**
Fellowship: **OPEN**

Congregation President	Steven Barrett
Pastor	Nathan Keith
Accompanist	Soyeon Kang
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Financial Secretary	Alison Lebeda
Custodian	James Apronti
In the Office	Lisa Guarnieri

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Lebeda, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2026 Snapshot thru July

Income - \$128,813.77
Expenses - \$131,754.59

